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Below we give our program for the month of March:

Thursday, March 2, Marguerite Clark in "Wildflower."
Tuesday, March 7, John Barrymore in "Are You a Mason?"
Thursday, March 9, Mary Pickford in "Such a Little Queen."
Tuesday, March 14, "The Commanding Officer."
Thursday, March 16, Dustin Farnum in "Captain Courtesy."
Tuesday, March 21, Fritz Scheff in "Pretty Mrs. Smith."
Thursday, March 23, Mary Pickford, in "Behind the Scenes."
Tuesday, March 28, Betty Belairs in "Spanish Jade."
Thursday, March 30, Marguerite Clark in "Gretna Green."

COUNTY COURT NEWS

Road Districts Rearranged and Overseers Appointed—New Voting Precinct Named—Old Election Ballots Burned—Other Matters

The following proceedings of the February term of the County Court were transacted the latter part of last week and this week:

Additional Voting Precinct.

On petition of Geo. M. Hughes and others the Court made an order establishing a new voting precinct at Cherryville, Randolph township, to be known as Cherryville precinct, and designated as district No. 29.

Erroneous assessments were returned as follows: On lots of Dan O'Sullivan in Doe Run, and assessment fixed at \$20; Ellis Westcott's assessment changed from \$360 to \$40.

Road Districts Renumbered.

No. 1 embraces school districts 45 and 56.
No. 2, school districts 5, 30, 43 and 44.
No. 3, school districts 19, 28, 32 and 63.
No. 4, school districts 48 and 49.
No. 5, School districts 12, 17, 18, 20 and 22.
No. 6, school district 4.
No. 7, school district 3.
No. 8, school district 57.
No. 9, school districts 21, 42 and 46.
No. 10, school districts 47, 58 and that part of 51 west of St. Francois river.
No. 11, school districts 30, 40, 41 and that part of 24 west of St. Louis road and north of plank road west of Farmington.
No. 12, school districts 26, 27, 34 and 61.
No. 13, school districts 23, 25 and 29.
No. 14, school districts 15 and 16.
No. 15, school districts 1, 2 and 64.
No. 16, school districts 13 and 14.
No. 17, school districts 6 and 8.

No. 18, school districts 9, 10 and 11.

No. 19, school districts 5, consolidated district 1 and that part of 51 east of St. Francois river.

No. 20, school districts 37 and 38.
No. 21, school district 39 and that part of 24 south of plank road east of Farmington and south of and including plank road west of Farmington.

No. 22, school districts 35 and 36, and that part of 24 north of and including plank road east of Farmington and east of and including St. Louis road.

No. 23, school district 50 and that part of 60 west of St. Mary's and Mine-La Motte road.

No. 24, school districts 59 and 62, and that part of 60 southeast of and including St. Mary's and Mine-La Motte road.

No. 25, school districts 7 and 31.

Road Overseers Appointed.

Name and Address:

1 T. H. Weddle, Iron Mountain.
2 J. H. Shaner, Bismarck.
3 H. P. Glone, Frankelay.
4 Geo. W. Mackley, Farmington, R. R. 1.
5 Harvey Strong, Bonne Terre.
6 M. W. Jones, Melzo.
7 L. E. Cole, Blackwell.
8 J. D. Huff, Doe Run.
9 Wm. Rosenstengel, Doe Run.
10 Wm. Dugal, Farmington.
11 J. S. West, Elvins.
12 D. P. Marks, Farmington, R. R. 4.
13 L. W. Merritt, Farmington, R. R. 4.
14 Joe Perry, Bonne Terre, R. R. 1.
15 S. A. Sykes, Valley Mines.
16 E. B. Shelley, Bonne Terre, R. R. 1.
17 F. H. Millan, Halifax.
18 Elbert D. Hall, French Village.
19 and 20 J. S. Jarnigan, Knob Lick.

(19 and 20 were consolidated.)

21 B. G. Porter, Farmington, R. R. 3.
22 J. W. Hopkins, Farmington.
23 Frank Bieser, Farmington, R. R. 3.
24 F. M. Biggs, Libertyville.
25 A. J. Kennon, Womack.
26 R. V. Sumpter, Elvins.

Railroad and Telegraph Valuation.

The statement of the several railroad, telegraph and telephone companies filed their statements for assessment purposes and the Court directed the Clerk to certify said statements to the State Auditor based upon valuation of this property within St. Francois county as fixed by the State Board of Equalization for 1915, as follows: Cape Girardeau Northern Railway, \$30,600; Illinois Southern Railway, \$124,868; Lead Belt Ry., \$39,114; St. Francois County Ry., \$69,160; M. R. & B. T. Ry., \$549,087; Hoffman Branch M. R. & B. T. Ry., \$100,800; St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern Ry., \$306,138; Belmont Branch St. L. I. M. & S. Ry., \$232,725; Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Co., \$70,322; Western Union Telegraph Co., \$16,809; Illinois Southern Telephone Co., \$887,22; Bellevue Rural Telephone Co., \$96; Avon Telephone Co., \$180; Cape Girardeau Bell Telephone Co., \$366; Kinloch Long Distance Telephone, \$1,005; Farmington Telephone Co., \$11,544; Lead Belt Telephone Co., \$8,125.

Poll Tax

It is ordered by the Court that there be and there is hereby levied a poll tax of \$2 for road purposes upon every able-bodied male inhabitant in the county over 21 and under 50 years of age, except persons residing within corporate cities, towns or villages. The said poll tax to be paid in money to the various road overseers of the road districts within the county. Provided that no poll tax payer shall be exempt from payment of his poll tax or any part thereof on account of any mistake or defect in the warning notice to work the road.

Other Proceedings

The following road overseers made annual settlements, all of which were approved: Wm. Rosenstengel, R. V. Sumpter, F. H. Miller, W. N. Green, J. T. Boring, J. D. Huff, B. G. Porter, Chas. R. Fowler, Z. B. Jennings, E. B. Shelley, Elbert D. Hale, L. E. Cole, J. S. Jarnagin, Lewis W. Meritt, Wm. Dugal, J. D. Flannery, S. A. Sykes, F. M. Biggs, H. P. Glone, J. W. Hopkin, Harvey Strong, W. C. Wallace, Thos. H. Weddle, Geo. Mackley, O. J. Vernon, Emmett Belknap.

It was ordered by the Court that all subscriptions and appropriations hereafter made for road improvement be expended under the supervision of the road overseer of the road district where such subscription is collected; also that no subscription be accepted or appropriation made to cover a subscription after the September term of this Court, and all settlements covering subscriptions and appropriations must be made at the November term of the Court.

John A. Knowles, Circuit Clerk, filed quarterly settlement of fees earned by his office, which was approved. An order was made authorizing the State Auditor to draw his warrant in favor of County Treasurer Haile for amount of Teachers' Training Course money apportioned to county for Flat River school district for half of year 1915.

Order was made authorizing and requesting State Auditor to draw his warrant in favor of County Treasurer Haile for amount due consolidated school district No. 1 of Knob Lick for year 1915, approved by State Superintendent of Schools.

Albert Wulfert, County Clerk, made settlement of the earnings of his office, which showed an excess of \$978.45 in fees, which was ordered paid into the County Treasury.

John Wallace was appointed an additional Justice of the Peace for Randolph township at Elvins.

Mary E. Poston and Hart Ervin paid their school fund bonds, and satisfaction of same was ordered entered on margin of record.

On examination of Drs. Weber and Eugas, Ethel B. Duncan was adjudged insane and was sent to Hospital No. 4 as a county patient.

The annual settlement of Chas. W. Francisco, County Highway Engineer, was approved; but one item of \$75 for clerical work authorized by Judge Watts was objected to by Presiding Judge Garrett, but was allowed by the other two judges.

Charles W. Francisco was re-appointed County Highway Engineer for the year 1916, at a salary of \$125 per month. His bond is fixed at \$5,000.

An order was made and executed Thursday of this week for the burning of all ballots of the election of 1914 except those of St. Francois township, which were reserved because of a contest over the election of Ramsey and Covington for Justice of the Peace, the returns showing Ramsey's vote 873, and Covington's 872.

Warrants Issued.

C. D. Rodgers, support W. N. Rodgers, \$15; E. O. Brooks, support Mary E. Politte; Carr and Thompson, support Cornell sisters, \$25; J. S. Jarnagin, support Rock and Kenney families, \$60; D. S. McGlashan, support Taylor, Laplant, Wiggins, et al., \$25; C. H. Denman, support poor persons of Farmington and vicinity, \$20; F. E. Counts, ground for Pigg Ford fill, \$14.25; Mrs. F. M. Horton, support poor persons in Flat River and vicinity, \$25; G. S. Boyer, support F. Miller, \$15; Mrs. Otto Skaggs, support poor persons at Desloge, \$25; Mrs. Nan Dosing, support John Dosing, Jr., \$4; J. P. Cayce, support Sarah Amonette, \$15; Geo. C. Forster, support Fannie Simms, \$5; Morris Bros., Inf. supplies, \$26.98; Meyer & Gruner, support Thos. McCutchen, \$1.65; Geo. Herzog & Son, Inf. supplies, \$6.25; Gleasing Milling Co., Inf. supplies, \$44; Coffman Cash Store, Inf. supplies \$38.75; C. M. Thomsen, power and light at Inf., \$6.75; City Drug Store, Inf. supplies, \$7.30; Farmington Telephone Co., service, \$31.60; J. C. Williams, boarding prisoners, \$140; State Industrial School, \$120; Mt. Vernon Sanatorium, \$25.10; J. A. Knowles, Circuit Clerk, for typewriter, \$20; Probate Judge K. C. Weber, stamps and supplies, \$6.50; J. C. Williams, care Court House, \$38.88; C. M. Thomsen, light for jail and court house, \$12.84; A. C. Boyd,

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF IMPROVED ROADS

Now is Offered the Golden Opportunity to Secure Improved Roads to the Taxpayers' Infinite Profit.

Last week The Times published the first installment of a series of articles which will be published in this paper, from time to time. The purpose of these articles will be for arousing the interest of the public to the absorbing importance that improved roads would be to every person within the confines of St. Francois county, as well as to all others who come into the county.

The advantages of pulling the roads up out of the mud and giving them a good, solid foundation, that will not only shed the water, but will neither sag, nor mire, are practically exhaustless; therefore the need of numerous articles for the proper discussion of this great problem. We earnestly invite contributions on this subject, which we will be pleased to publish.

When the actual conditions and facts are considered, however, the question of bringing the roads of St. Francois county up to a high state of excellence is not nearly so puzzling as it proves to be in almost every other county in the State. When it is taken into consideration that about 75 per cent. of the taxes of this county are paid by interests whose business it is to take from, rather than to add to, the taxable value of this county, and whose holdings here are consequently diminishing from year to year in this county, should make it apparent to all that the sooner the question of permanent good roads throughout this county is prepared for the better it will be for every resident tax-payer.

Did you ever stop to think that more than 3,000 men are constantly employed underground in St. Francois county, taking from the bowels of the earth resources of the county, which are immediately shipped out of the county, thereby depreciating the actual wealth of this county to the value of such mineral? A mere superficial observer might say that all this industry results to the advantage of this county. But does it? After this wealth is all removed from the mines, as it is certain to be some time, of what value will those mines be to the county then? They will be only immense caverns down under the earth's surface, making practically valueless the crust above them.

But The Times has been informed that these great mining corporations would perhaps offer no strenuous opposition to paying their part of the taxes in this county for permanent road improvement, at least in accordance with their present assessed valuation. But whether they would oppose such improvement or not, this paper believes that this matter should not longer be delayed, as the mineral wealth is daily being diminished, and if such holdings can now be made to pay 75 per cent. of the taxes for such purpose, does it not, at best, appear to be a criminal lack of initiative to longer delay this most important work for the county's good?

While The Times has no desire to exploit any man, or set of men, to their advantage or disadvantage, nor will it consent to do so, it does not believe that the gigantic mining companies are paying their just proportion of taxes in this county, even though they are paying 75 per cent. of the total. They still are not paying to exceed half as much, according to their capitalization, as are the town and country property owners. And yet their enormous earnings represent wealth that is being taken out of this county; while the farmer, merchant and others, when they make any improvement, add thereby to the taxable valuation of their property.

Then can you not see and understand that, in all fairness, it would be treating the mine owners fair—yes, more than fair—if they were made to pay at the same rate on their actual holdings as are the other taxpayers of the county? If they should enter any objection to such splendid treatment, then it might not be amiss to inject a little of their own medicine, and force them to pay an absolutely just tax rate, based on the fact that they get their wealth within this county and transport it elsewhere. Can you figure out what rate of taxation that would be? We will let you figure on that.

In the meantime, every citizen of St. Francois county should get busy in the interest of permanent improvement of every public road within the confines of the county, while an untold quantity of the mineral wealth is still intact. For such improvement the amount that the average taxpayer would be called on to pay would be almost infinitesimal. There would be absolutely no comparing such a small amount to the great and everlasting good that must result to every citizen of the county from permanent good roads. Get busy NOW, AND KEEP UP THE AGITATION UNTIL THIS GREAT GOOD IS ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISHED.

In this connection, we want to call your attention to the manner in which St. Louis county disposed of a \$3,000,000 bond proposition on Tuesday of this week, the bonds carrying by a majority of about six to one. And this result was secured after a thorough and painstaking search and discussion of this important question, in all its various aspects and ramifications. Practically the same conditions are in existence in St. Louis county as exist in St. Francois county, except that the county roads there are not nearly so bad as they are generally in this county. Neither has St. Louis county the abundance of material for road improvement that St. Francois county has—here it lies practically at the roadside, ready for use. If St. Louis county's overwhelming verdict in favor of permanent good roads was just, then is it not plainly apparent that the verdict should be unanimous in this county, if this proposition is ever put to a vote?

Inquest Fees.

Warrants were issued to W. T. Haile, County Treasurer, for inquest fees on inquests of following deceased persons: Bryan Thomason, \$30.14; John E. Payne, \$33; Everett Gilliam, \$45.40; Mike Ponchuck, \$27.50; Val Dipper, \$33.49; Andrew M. Wallace, \$27.45; unknown babe at Blackwell, \$47.70; Frank Barnot, \$22.12; Rose George, \$28; John Smith, \$34.25; Babe Duncan, \$35.10; Otto Huitt, \$89.50; J. Cook, \$23.38; George W. Horn, \$22.38; Babe Carter, \$5; W. L. Scott, \$23.35; Peter Benham, \$24.82; Fred Politte, \$23.24; Ed Freeman, \$32.35;



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